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SUBJECT: IRANIAN TERRORIST IMPLICATED IN ASSASSINATION OF

LT. COLONEL HAWKINS KILLED IN GUN BATTLE

REF: A. TEHRAN 3878

B. TEHRAN A-160 OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1972

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM TEHRAN REPRESENTATIVES OF REUTERS AND ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT REZA REZA' I, ALLEGEDLY THE BRAINS BEHIND RECENT ASSASSINATION OF LT. COLONEL LEWIS L. HAWKINS (REFTel A) WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN GUN BATTLE WITH POLICE EARLY ON JUNE 16. ACCORDING OUR INFORMATION, REZA' I REFUSED TO SURRENDER WHEN HIS TEHRAN HOUSE WAS SURROUNDED BY POLICE. INSTEAD HE THREW GRENADES AND FIRED GUNS BEFORE BEING FATALLY WOUNDED BY COUNTERFIRE. PISTOL BELONGING TO NATIONAL POLICE BRIGADIER SAID TAHERI, ASSASSINATED LAST AUGUST BY TERRORISTS, WAS ALLEGEDLY CAPTURED FROM REZA' I. ONE OF HIS ACCOMPLICES WAS ALSO CAPTURED.

2. REZA REZA' I IS SAID TO BE A BROTHER OF MEHDI REZA' I, EXECUTED LAST SEPTEMBER FOR KILLING AN IRANIAN POLICEMAN. (REF B). MEHDI WAS A RELIGIOUS FANATIC AND IF REZA REZA' I PROVES INDEED TO HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN COLONEL HAWKINS' DEATH, SUBSTANCE WOULD BE LENT TO A FAIRLY WIDELY HELD THEORY IN TEHRAN THAT HAWKINS
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WAS KILLED BY A RIGHT WING GROUP. IN ANY CASE, OUR SOURCES TELL
US THAT THE GOI PLANS TO GIVE HEAVY MEDIA PLAY TO THE KILLING OF
REZA REZA' I.
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